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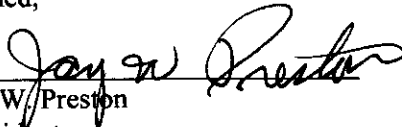
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**RE: CC Docket No. 96-45 Interstate Access Support - IAS
Annual Certification Filing**

This is to certify that Hot Springs Telephone Company will use its **Universal Service Interstate Access Support-IAS** only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is for **Hot Springs Telephone Company**, in the state of **Montana**. The study area code for Hot Springs Telephone Company is **482241**.

Signed,


Jay W. Preston
President

Date: May 16, 2003

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